

Change in Timings of Hatia-Amritsar Express

4315. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to change in timings of Hatia-Amritsar Express, the difficulties of the passengers of that area (Bihar State) have increased;

(b) if so, whether the representations have been received to change the revised time of the train; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) The revised schedule of 8601/8101/8102/8602 Hatia-Amritsar Express has reduced the journey time of the train by 3 hours 35 minutes in one direction and 6 hours in the other.

(b) Representations have been received from some passengers indicating local difficulties of a few stations.

(c) Examined but not found justified in the overall interest of the passengers.

[Translation]

Official Language Implementation Committee

4316. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the official language implementation committee has been constituted in his Ministry;

(b) if so, the number of meeting of the

said Committee held during the last two years separately; and

(c) the recommendations made by the committee in regard to propagation of Hindi in the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). Three.

(c). Recommendations made in the meetings of the Committee include promoting use of mechanical aids, like typewriters, word processors and computers in Devanagiri greater use of the official language Hindi in noting and drafting; compliance of the various provision of Official Languages Act; efforts for achieving the targets laid down in the Annual Programme by the Department of Official Language; maintenance of separate records of correspondence in Hindi and English; encouraging the staff for progressive use of Hindi through workshop from the time to time; raining the staff in Hindi stenography and Hindi typing and maximum utilisation of their services.

[English]

Export of Foodgrains

4317. KUMAR PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to export foodgrains during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the total quantum of rice and wheat from the Central Pool allocated for export during the above period; and export?

(c) The countries to which the rice and wheat is being exported?